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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese Patent No. 2,810,033 B2, the Examiner is referred to the specification at page 1, lines 14-20, and the counterpart U.S. Patent No. 5,943,650.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-89305 B2, the Examiner is referred to the specification starting at page 1, line 21, and ending at page 2, line 19, and the corresponding English-language abstract.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. applications:

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A copy of each cited application, as originally filed, is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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